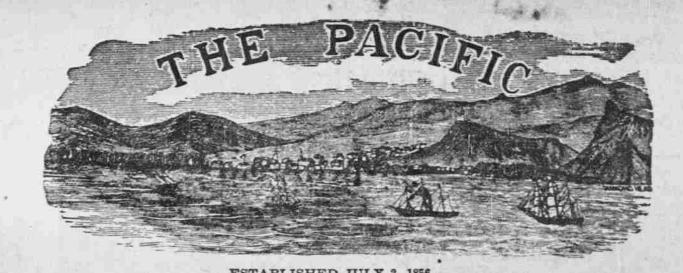
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How a Hardware Co.'s Concern Was Robbed.

Chinese Firm That Got Its Goods Cheap.

The Arrest of Bookkeeper Who Bought Debts Back From Boy Clerk.

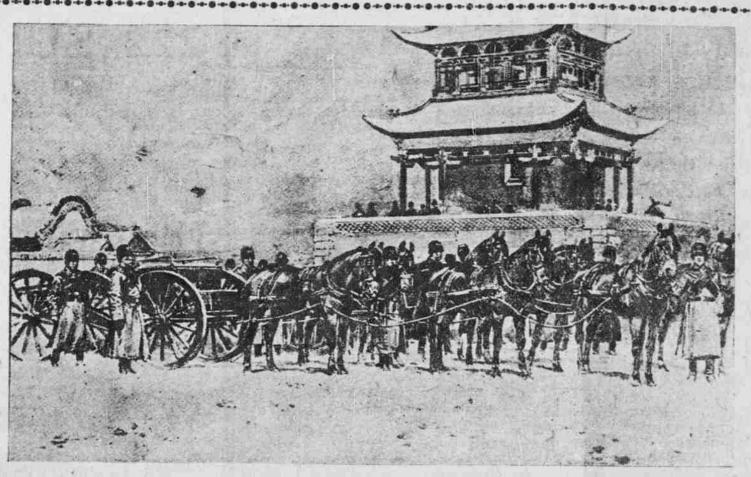
Yim Chan, bookkeeper for the Chinese hardware company of Sing Chan & Co., King street, Palama, was arrested last night and held by the police under heavy bail on a charge of grand larceny. The incidents leading to his arrest as told in the charges filed against him by I. S. Dillingham, manager of the Pacific Hardware Company, and Percy Benson, treasurer of the same company, make a novel story. Yim Chan is alleged to have used a young half-Chinese boy, William Ayau, who is employed as a clerk in the Pacific . Hardware Company's store, in carrying out a new game.

In the presence of Manager Dillingham and Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth, last night, Percy Benson, treasurer of the company, made the following statement concerning the affair.

"For about five months," said Mr. Benson, "this boy, William Ayau, a clerk in the store and a son of a Chinaman who has been a trusted employe of the company for about twenty years, has been taking a certain number of original entries of charges against Sing Chan & Co. every month before they were entered on the ledgers of our company and also taking the sale tags and the bills made out by our billing clerk of goods sold to Sing Chan & Co., and selling them to the Chinese firm. He would take this bill and the original sale tag to the firm of Sing Chan & Co. and for a small proportion of the amount of the bill would receipt it in full and surrender the original sale tag to them as a guarantee that no charge for the goods would be entered against them upon our books. The boy would keep the money he received from Sing Chan &

"When a quantity of goods sold at cholesale in our store is ordered the selling clerk makes out a tag, showing the quantity and the price. This card then goes to the shipping room. The goods are made up and the tag is then sent to the billing clerk. The clerk makes out a bill which is sent with the them the sale tags, thus destroying all of the debt, taking cattle in payment of our record concerning the sale ex- and at the same time selling more goods cept the receipts which our dray driv- on credit. The natives are often iners took when delivering the goods.

"During the last month Mr. Dillingham noted that the tags concerning goods sold to the Sing Chan Company, the transactions of the traders and the seemed to indicate heavy purchases on latter added 100 per cent and usually their part. He looked up the ratings made twenty per cent, more on the catof the firm and at the end of the month asked the bookkeeper concerning their account. By referring to the ledger arbitrarily without waiting for legal he found that they were charged with procedure. It is true that the authoribut a small amount in comparison with ties forbid this, but the natives usually shipped them. He became suspicious and this afternoon called in Donate. and this afternoon called in Deputy offending traders.



RUSSIAN ARTILLERY IN MANCHURIA

Sheriff Chillingworth, Mr. Dillingham then got the receipts which had been taken by dray drivers for the amount of goods delivered during the month to the firm and found that a wide discrepancy existed between the amount of goods they were charged with on the ledger and the amount they had actually receipted for. On investigating, the boy was called in and after lined. The boy was frightened. We the Sing Chan Company. This bill was given to the boy. We also gave lingworth, Mr. Dillingham, and myself accompanied him. When we reached the store we stayed outside. The boy entered, handed over the bill, the original evidence of the sale, received twenty-five dollars, and then receipted their bill for the whole \$141. As he came out of the store we entered. The bookkeeper, Yim Chan, had the documents in front of him. Mr. Chillingworth immediately arrest-

ed him. He declared he had simply paid the \$25 on account and made no effort to explain why he had received a receipt in full and the original tag of the sale." Mr. Dillingham stated that from the

evidence they had already secured they

thought that the firm's loss through

this swindle was considerable.

GERMAN TROUBLES IN SOUTH AFRICA

BERLIN, Jan. 25 .- An official dispatch from Windhook, German Southwest Africa, says the Germans have lost heavily in an unsuccessful attempt to relieve Okahandja, that five settlers and their entire families have been murdered, and that the Hereros have been threatening Windhoek.

Light has been thrown by the Frankfurter Zeitung on some of the contributory causes of the Hereros' rising in German Southwest Africa, as the result of statements made to that paper by a traveler who has just returned from Windhoek and Okahandja. The merchants and the traders allied with them are charged with purposely involving the natives in debt. According to this goods. Then the tag goes to the man- traveler, the traders are mostly disager, Mr. Dillingham, and after he charged soldiers whom the merchants looks it over it is the duty of young equip with wagons and from sixteen Ayau to take all the tags for the day to twenty oxen and goods valued at and arrange them in alphabetical or- thousands of marks. The traders sell der and take them to the bookkeeper, at first entirely on credit, not requir-However, before taking them to the ing any cash until they make later trips. bookkeeper young Ayau abstracted The improvident natives buy largely and nearly all of the tags and bills of the repeatedly on these easy terms and the Sing Chan Company. He then took merchants favor the system by extendthem to the debtors, collected a small ing and renewing the credits of the amount of the bill for himself, receipt- traders, sometimes to 15,000 marks. The ed the bill in full, and turned over to traders finally begin collecting portions debted to several traders at once. The Frankfurter Zeitung's informant adds that he found the merchants took an traders further aroused the anger of the natives by seizing the latter's cattle

BATTALION OF INFANTRY MAY REPLACE ARTILLERY

No information has been received by local army officers as to what infantry force has been designated to take the place of the 66th/ and 67th companies of artillery now located at Camp McKinley.

Captain McK. Williamson, depot quartermaster, and Col. Mc-Lellan, commandant of Camp McKinley, will probably receive their instructions in the first mail to arrive from Washington, there being no need of using the cable.

As infantry companies are smaller than artillery companies there is a probability that a battalion of infantry, comprising four companies, may replace the two companies of artillery. There is not enough barrack room to quarter four companies, but the overflow could easily be given shelter in tents. A battalion is a unit in the strength of a regiment, requiring a post commandant and a bat-

STORY OF A MAN AND A WOMAN.

A native woman whose head was | he had given her a "gentle push." wrapped in a blood-stained towel ap- Then she staggered as a result of the peared in the police station at five o'clock yesterday afternoon. She had station, he said, to report the matter been frightfully battered. She said so that the police would know the true her husband had knocked her down facts of the case if his wife appeared with a piece of iron pipe. She lolled and asked for a warrant for his arn a corner out of sight sobbing, while rest. the police were discussing the case.

A native, a slim looking man, enter- the damaged head, stepped out of her police that his wife was injured. He arrest for assault and battery. His said that he had been away at his name went down on the blotter under work, 'rying to get enough money to that heading and he went down to a keep their little home supplied with cell. On returning home he found his about the station and passed out. wife drunk. She had been spending Judge Lindsay will talk to both of his hard earned wages. In his anger them this morning.

drink and fell on some rock greatly

He wished to report to the eral other things and demanded his She smiled at the hangers on



RUSSIA'S REPLY WILL BE GIVEN ON THE FIFTH

Correspondent Jack London Arrested for Photographing Japanese Forts at Shimonoseki.

Germans Have Heavy Fighting With Tribesmen. Senator Hanna III---Maryland's New Senator. Liberal Unionists Stick to Their Guns.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 4 .- The Russian reply will be delivered to the Japanese Minister tomorrow.

TOKYO, Feb. 4.- Jack London, an American war correspondent, has been arrested at Shimonoseki for photographing the forts.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 4.—The Novoe Vremya publishes a bitter attack upon the United States, which it accuses of instigating war for the sake of excluding Europe from the Far Eastern

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, Feb. 3.-Reports received from Russian sources of information in the Far East are decidedly disquieting. It is stated that the Seoul-Fusan Railway has been occupied by the Japanese, who had taken guns to Seoul ostensibly to protect the Legation.

It is also reported that war will inevitably follow a refusal to accept Russia's response to Japan. Viceroy Alexieff is said to have the authority to declare war.

PORT ARTHUR, China, Feb. 3.-Seven Russian warships stationed at Port Arthur have left this port presumably to join the nine vessels of the outside fleet. Unusual activity is manifest in the army and navy.

Nine thousand troops have left their barracks here. Their destination is not known.

HANNA'S CONGESTIVE CHILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.-Senator Hanna has had a congestive chill. His condition is not serious.

GERMANS FIGHT BLACKS.

BERLIN, Feb. 4.-The German garrisons at Windhoek and Okahendja, in Southwestern Africa, have been relieved after a fierce battle in which the tribesmen lost heavily. The Germans had fifty casualties.

HOME RULE OR NOTHING.

LONDON, Feb. 4.-Redmond has announced that the Irish will not accept an alternative policy to Home Rule.

MONTEVIDEO FEARS REBELS.

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 4.—The rebels are within four leagues of the city and are advancing. Citizens are panic-stricken.

ENGLAND'S THIRD PARTY.

LONDON, Feb. 4.-The Liberal Unionists have decided to maintain their organization.

MARYLAND'S NEW SENATOR.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 4.-Raynor, the caucus nominee for Senator, will be elected tomorrow.

WHEAT ADVANCING.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 3.-There was intense excitement on the Produce Exchange today caused by a strong bull movement in wheat. The price advanced steadily from the opening of the board and at closing had advanced two and one-half cents a bushel over opening figures.

SERVIA'S TROUBLES.

BELGRADE, Servia, Feb. 3 .- The Servian Cabinet has resigned.

BURTON WAIVES HIS RIGHTS.

Burton of Kansas, against whom a United States Senator and accepting Federal grand jury on Saturday re- service in the case at once. He left turned an indictment for accepting a for St. Louis last evening, expressing

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 .- Senator [tlon of waiving all his rights as a